THE SAD DAILY LIVES OF THOSE WHO AWAKENED TO SUPERPOWERS THEY NEVER WANTED.

CHAPTER 05: HEART ON FIRE

STARLIGHT WOMAN

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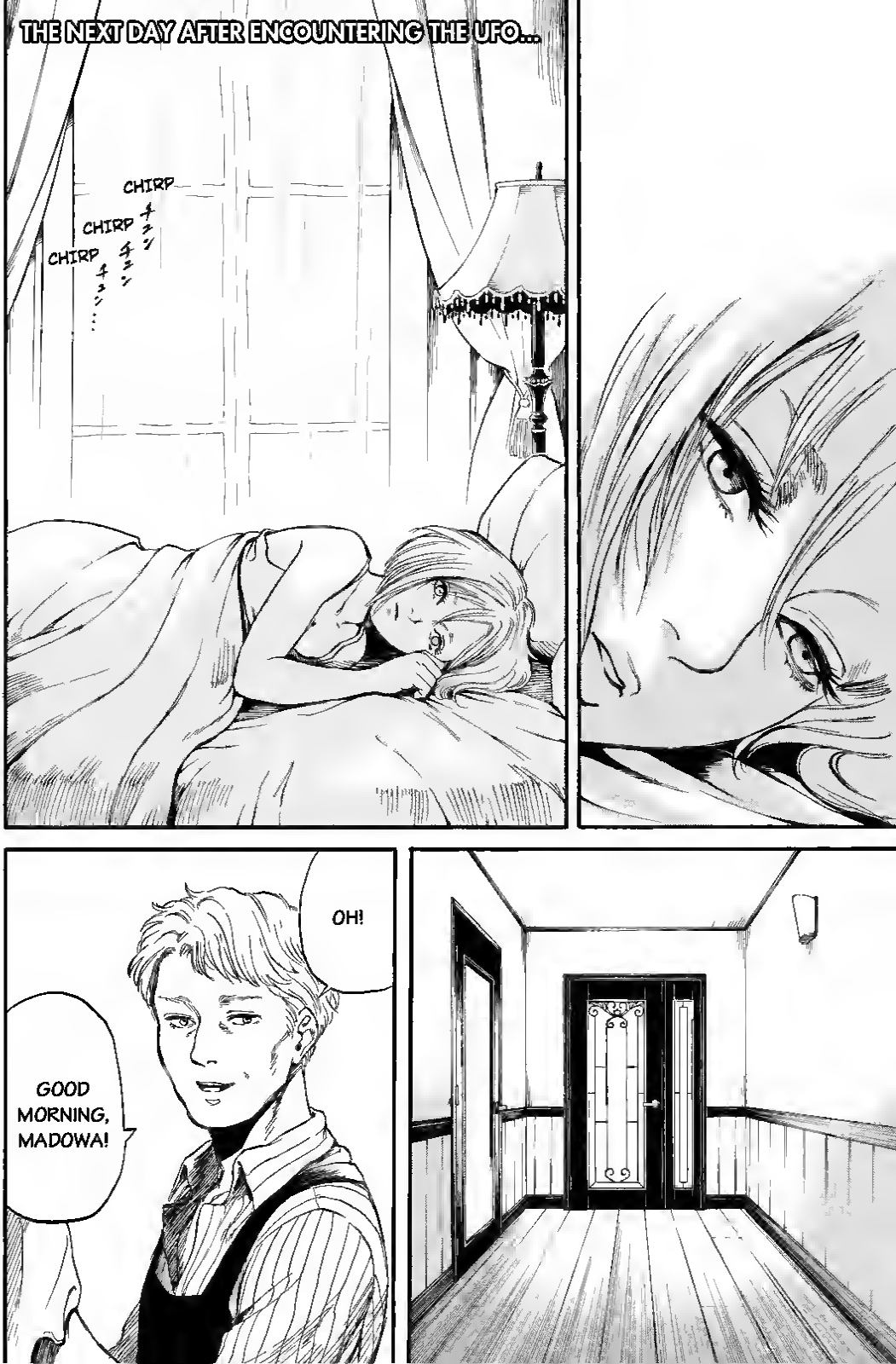
THE NEXT DAY AFTER ENCOUNTERING THE UFO...
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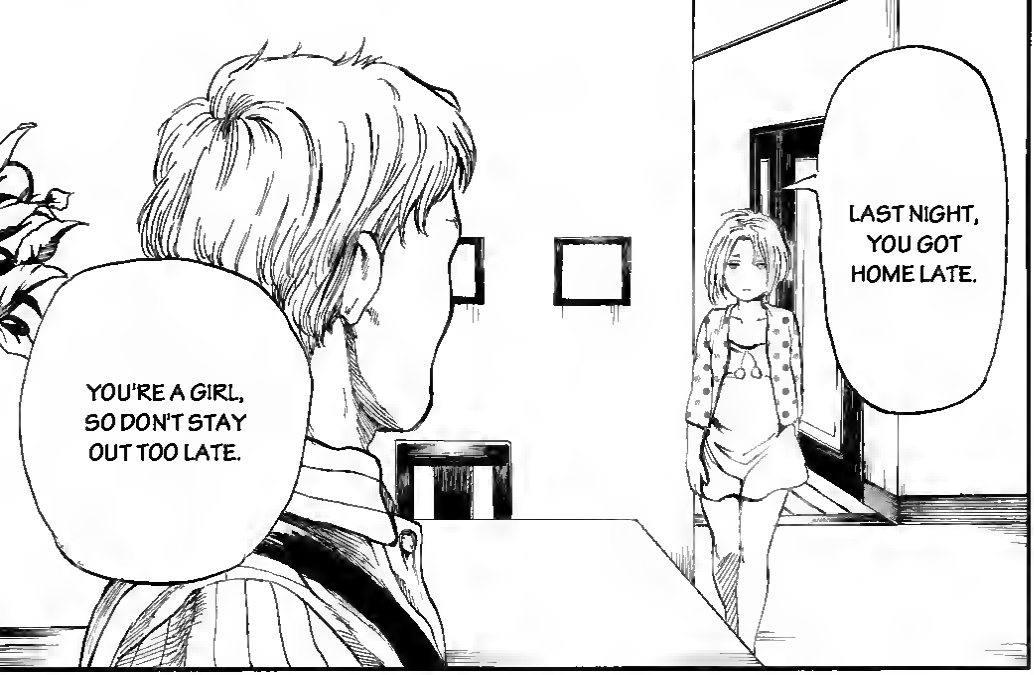
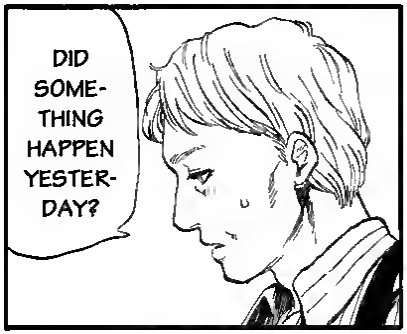
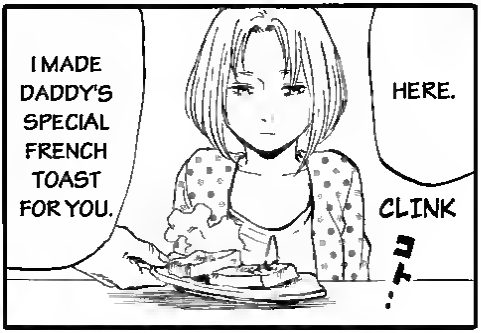
OH!
GOOD MORNING, MADOWA!


LAST NIGHT, YOU GOT HOME LATE.
YOU'RE A GIRL, SO DON'T STAY OUT TOO LATE.


DID SOME-THING HAPPEN YESTER-DAY?


I MADE DADDY'S SPECIAL FRENCH TOAST FOR YOU.
HERE.
CLINK
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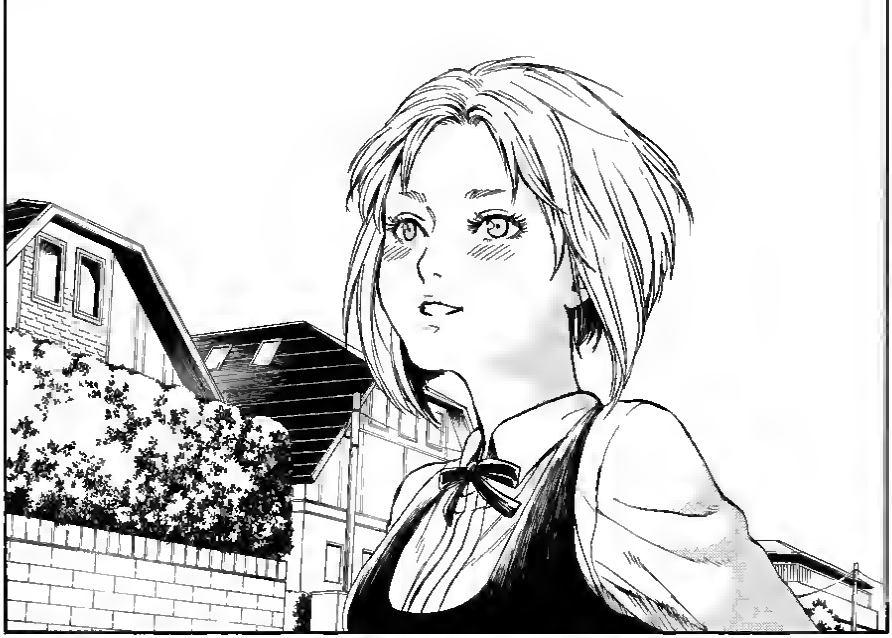
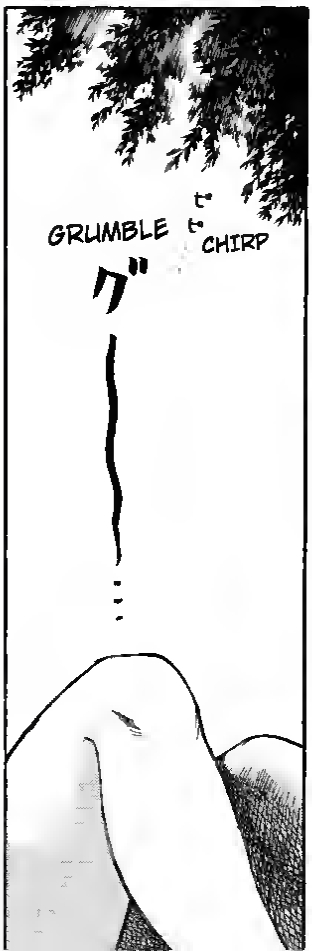
SO I SENT ALL THE GIRLS HOME.
WHY DON'T YOU AND I SPEND TODAY TO-GETHER, AND...

AND BEFORE I WENT TO BED, YOU WOULDN'T TALK TO ME.
YOU'VE NEVER GONE OUT AT NIGHT WITHOUT TELLING ME BEFORE.
I THOUGHT MAYBE I GOT A LITTLE TOO CARRIED AWAY LAST NIGHT...

I'M OFF... BYE.
バタン!
SLAM
HUH? MADOWA?!
...
WAS I TALKING THAT MUCH?
HUH?!




GRUMBLE
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WHOOSH
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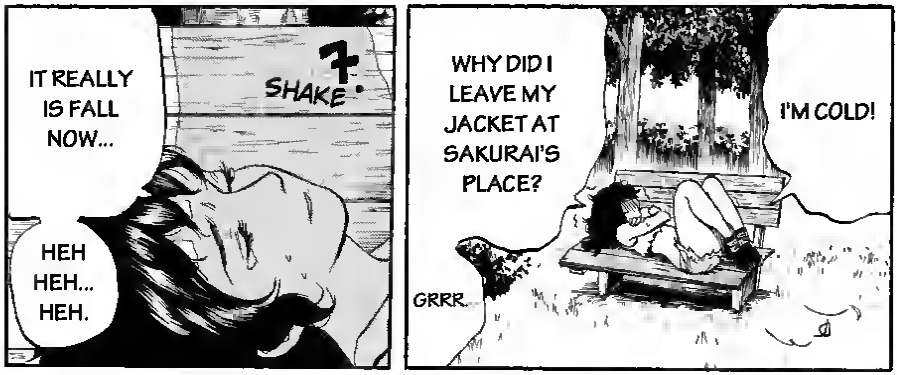
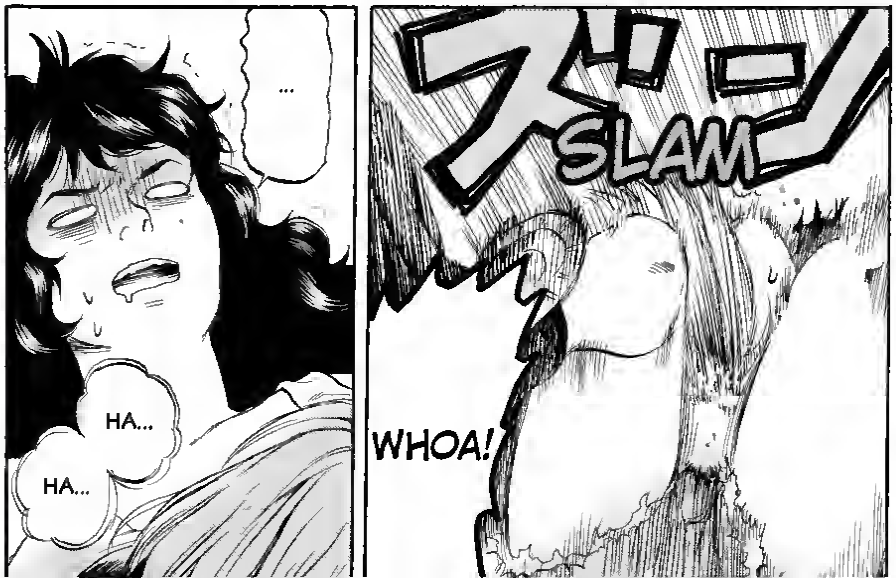
I'M SO...
...HUNGRY.
GROWL


IT REALLY IS FALL NOW...
SHAKE
HEH HEH... HEH.
WHY DID I LEAVE MY JACKET AT SAKURAI'S PLACE?
I'M COLD!
GRRR.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HA...
HA...
ズドーン
SLAM
WHOA!

YOU...
YOU'RE REALLY HERE...
COUGH COUGH COUGH.
GAH...
?!
OH, I'M SORRY...
I DIDN'T MEAN...
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PAT
THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME YESTER-DAY...
...YUMAKO HOSHI-SAN.

THEY TOLD ME ALL KINDS OF THINGS.
THEY SAID THAT I SHOULD HELP YOU,
AS A FELLOW ABDUCTEE.
EVER SINCE I MET YOU, MY HEART WON'T STOP BEATING!
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SO MANY AMAZING THINGS HAVE HAPPENED AT ONCE.
ABDUC—
WHAT?
HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME?
WHO ARE YOU?
LET'S BE FRIENDS, OKAY?
ギュッ
GRIP
SCRATCH, ポリポリ SCRATCH
HMM...
YOU...
WHO AM I?
YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME?
WHAT?
WHO AM I?

GRAB
HUH?!
YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME?!
GAG
YOU FUCKING WHORE...
WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU?!
YOU HELD ME SO TIGHTLY, BUT YOU'VE FORGOTTEN ME?!
IT'S ME, MADOWA! I EVEN WENT AND ASKED THE AAH ALIENS ABOUT YOU.
?!
?

RUSTLE
カサ.
...
WHAT DID YOU HEAR?
AND FROM WHOM?
GASP
GASP
AND NOW I'M OFFERING YOU MY HELP!

HUH?
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DROP
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AH.
DASH
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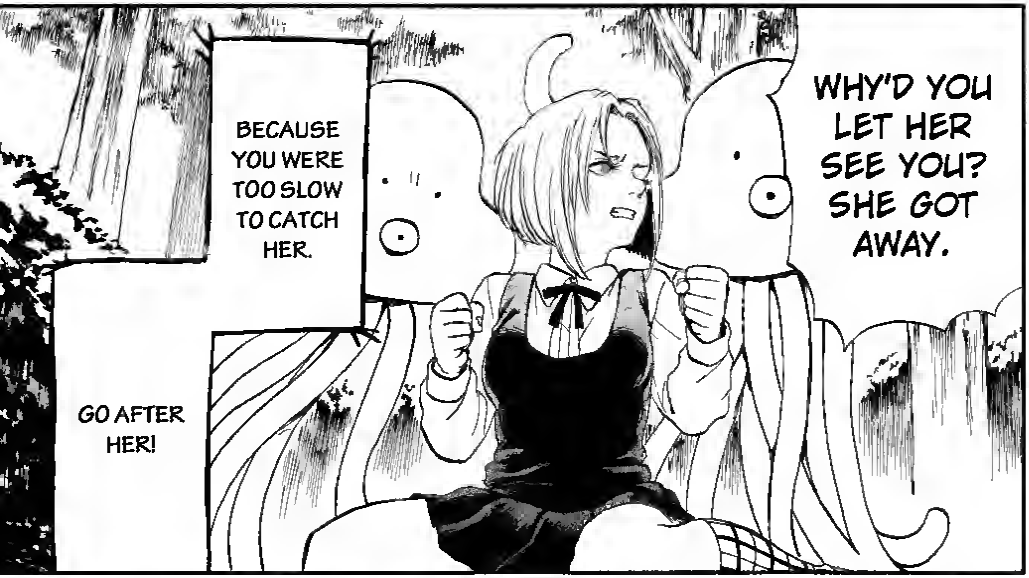
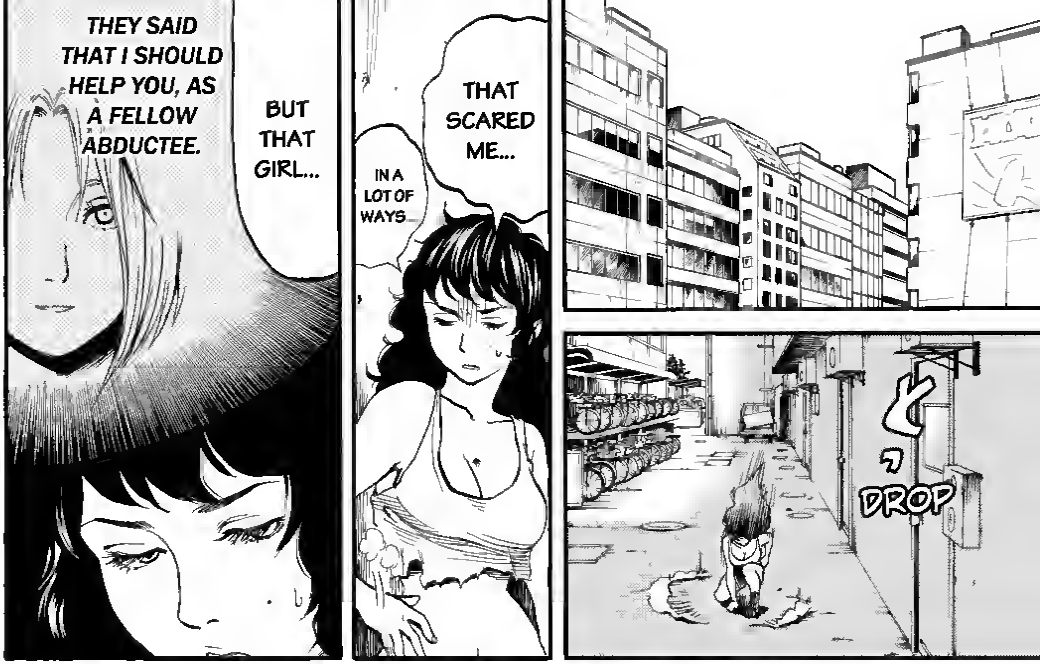
OH!

WHY...
WHY ARE THEY...


WHY'D YOU LET HER SEE YOU? SHE GOT AWAY.
BECAUSE YOU WERE TOO SLOW TO CATCH HER.
GO AFTER HER!

SHE RAN TOWARD THE NEXT TOWN.
YOU CAN DO IT, RIGHT? LIKE YOU SAID LAST NIGHT.
YEAH, I KNOW.


THEY SAID THAT I SHOULD HELP YOU, AS A FELLOW ABDUCTEE.
BUT THAT GIRL...
THAT SCARED ME...
IN A LOT OF WAYS
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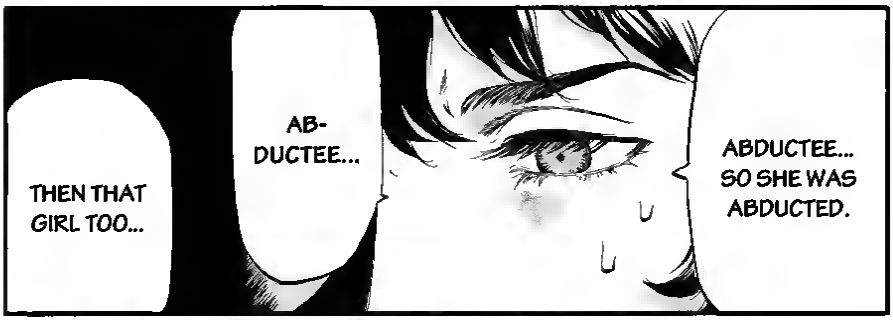
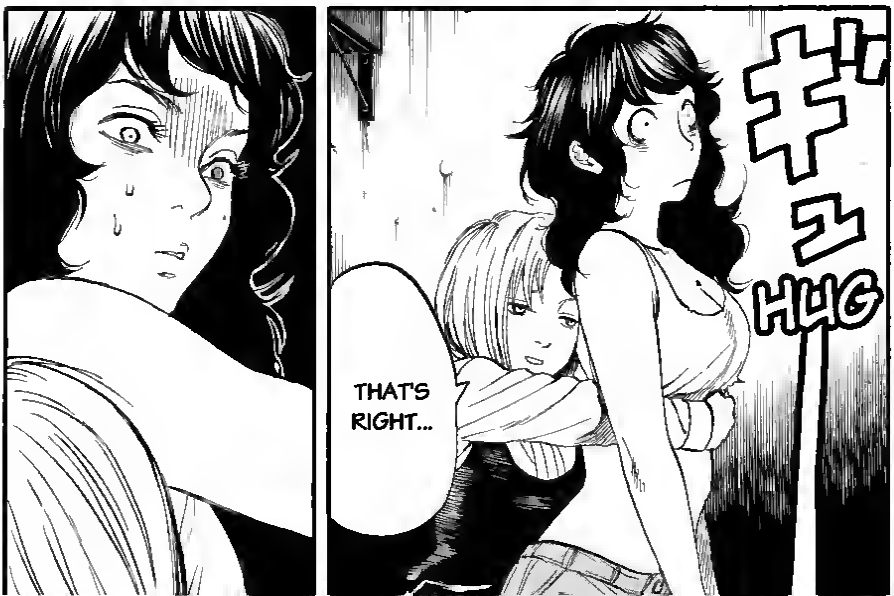
DROP


THEN THAT GIRL TOO...
AB-DUCTEE...
ABDUCTEE... SO SHE WAS ABDUCTED.


THAT'S RIGHT...
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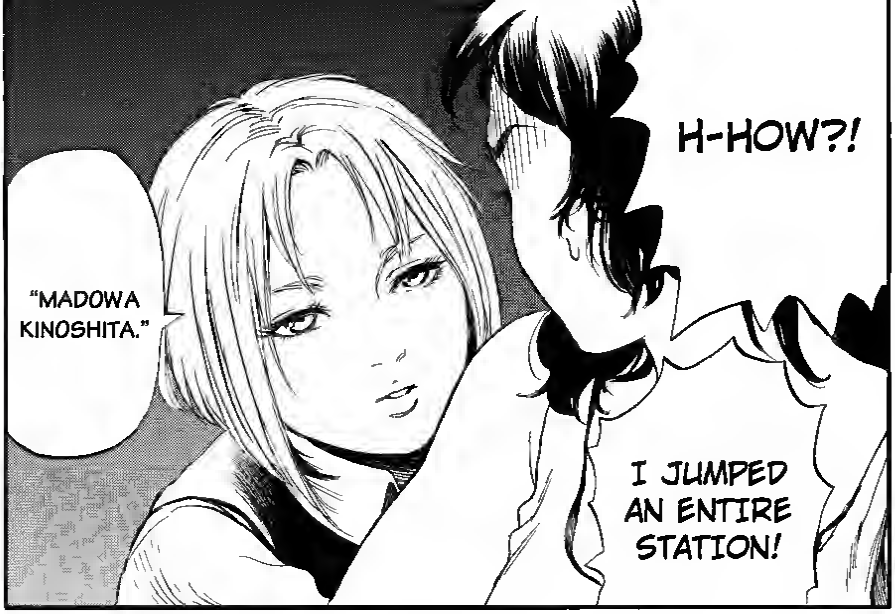
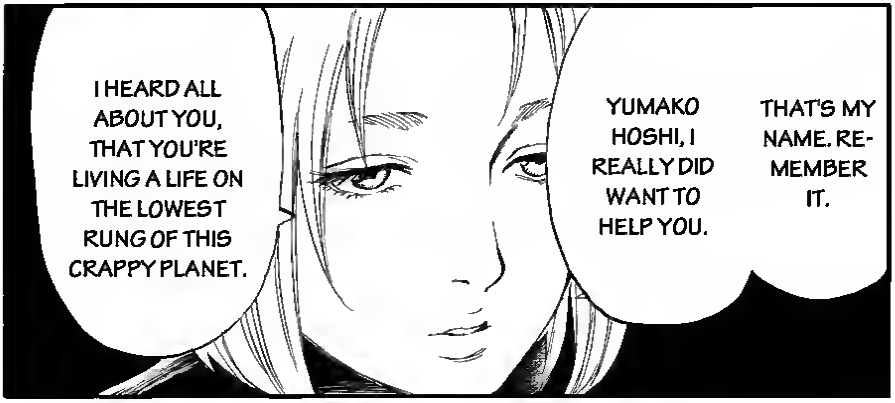
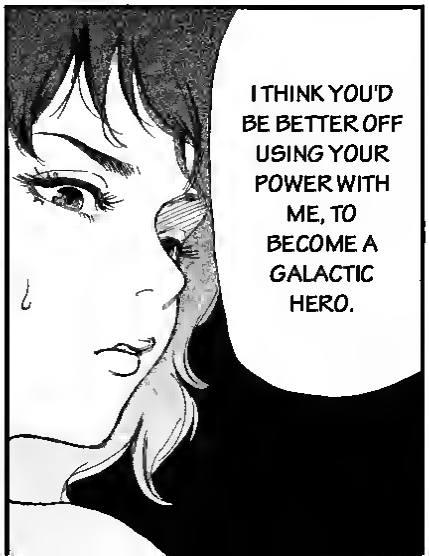
HUG


H-HOW?!
"MADOWA KINOSHITA."
I JUMPED AN ENTIRE STATION!


I HEARD ALL ABOUT YOU, THAT YOU'RE LIVING A LIFE ON THE LOWEST RUNG OF THIS CRAPPY PLANET.
YUMAKO HOSHI, I REALLY DID WANT TO HELP YOU.
THAT'S MY NAME. REMEMBER IT.

LET ME GO!
WHAT ARE YOU.. THAT'S STUPID!
WOULDN'T THAT BE AN HONOR?
NO, YOU'RE STAYING HERE UNTIL THEY ARRIVE.

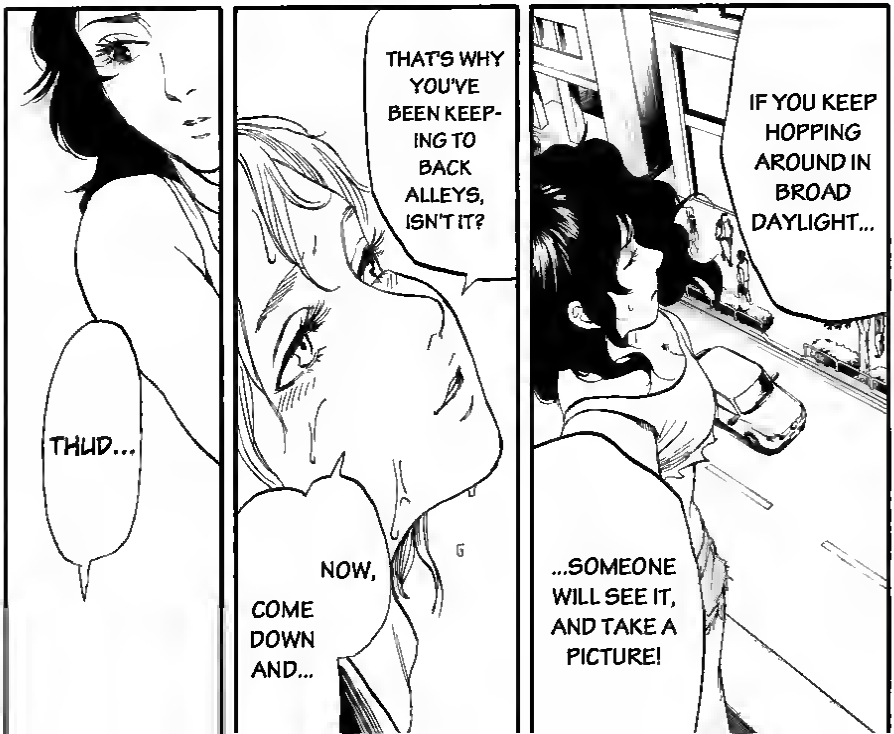

I THINK YOU'D BE BETTER OFF USING YOUR POWER WITH ME, TO BECOME A GALACTIC HERO.

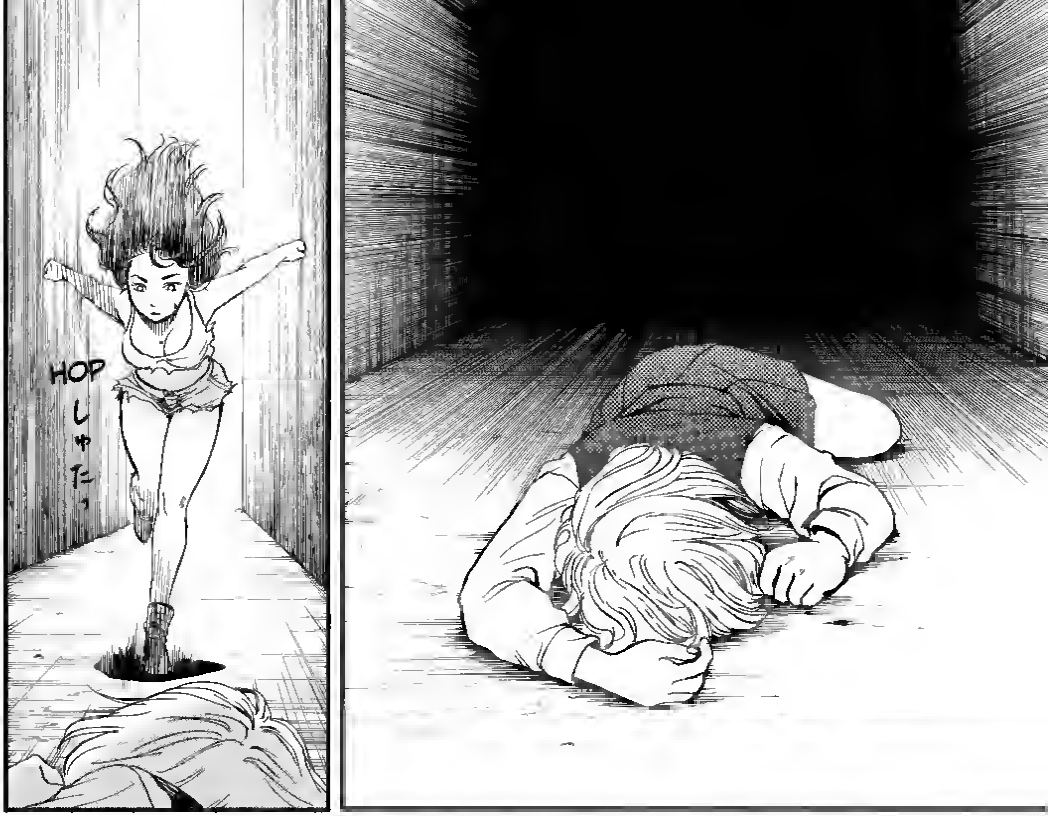
HOP
I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF ABILITY YOU MAY HAVE.
WHACK
ACK!
OW
THEY'RE SO SLOW
BUT A POWER THAT SEPARATES YOU FROM EVERYONE ELSE IS OF NO USE AT ALL
THAT ISN'T TRUE.
AND THERE'S NO ESCAPE FOR YOU.
FLY

ZOOM
SHE'S FAST!
I'LL TELL YOU
WHAT MY LATENT ABILITY WAS.
ZOOM

YOUR ABILITY IS THE POWER TO ALTER YOUR CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM AT WILL...
I'LL GO OVER THIS AGAIN.
...TO VASTLY INCREASE REACTION TIME.
SCREECH
ACCELERATION!
I'LL
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU CAN MOVE TENS OR HUNDREDS OF TIMES FASTER THAN A NORMAL HUMAN.
DIZZY
WITH THIS POWER, YOU CAN GO EVEN FASTER THAN #214, YUMAKO HOSHI.
THUS, YOU CAN PURSUE HER.
ARE YOU LISTENING?
GASP
HOP
HOP
I CAN MOVE SUPER-FAST, AND CHASE HER DOWN, RIGHT?
BUT BASICALLY,
I'M NOT REALLY SURE
UH... HMM.
...THAT I UNDERSTAND IT.

JUMPING AWAY WON'T SAVE YOU.
I CAN'T JUMP LIKE THAT, BUT I CAN FOLLOW YOU ANY-WHERE.
AND...
DING
DING


THUD...
THAT'S WHY YOU'VE BEEN KEEP-ING TO BACK ALLEYS, ISN'T IT?
NOW, COME DOWN AND...
IF YOU KEEP HOPPING AROUND IN BROAD DAYLIGHT...
...SOMEONE WILL SEE IT, AND TAKE A PICTURE!


HOP
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...
YOUR BODY CAN'T KEEP PACE WITH YOUR ABILITIES.

GASP GASP GASP GASP

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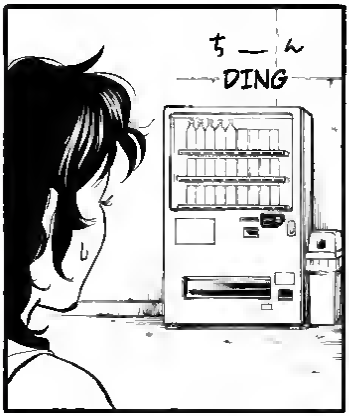
I TRIED TO TELL YOU...
...THAT THESE POWERS WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD.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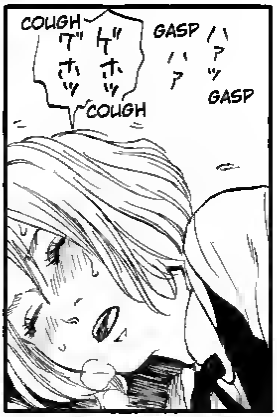
DING

I NEED TO GET YOU SOME WATER.
WATER.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COUGH
GASP ハア ハア
GASP

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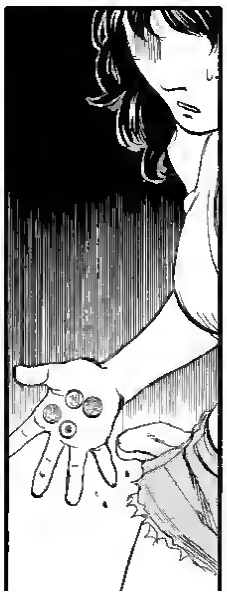
GASP



OH, SHE'S ALIVE.
I GUESS, THE FIRST TIME, YOU CAN'T USE YOUR POWER TO ITS LIMIT.
YOU GUYS ARE TOO DAMNED SLOW!
IDIOTS.
パーン
PUNCH
SHE GOT AWAY?
SHE ES-CAPED
HUH?
WHERE IS SHE? WHERE'S YUMAKO?!
HUH?
YOU DO EXACTLY WHAT I SAY!
YOU CAN SEE SHE'S SERIOUS!
LISTEN... I WANT TO CATCH YUMAKO, NO MATTER WHAT!
SINCE WE BOTH WANT THE SAME THING...
ギリ
GRIP